

REMARKS

Claim Rejections Under 35 USC § 101

Claims 1 - 29 and 61 - 65 are provisionally rejected under 35 USC § 101 as claiming the same invention as that of Claims 1 - 29 of U.S. Application Serial No. 09/918,671 (which issued as U.S. Patent No. 6,770,567, on August 3, 2004). Application Serial No. 09/918,671 was the parent application to the present continuation-in-part application. The claims present in the '671 application were duplicated in the present application for foreign filing purposes. At the time of preparation of applicants' Amendment "A" in the present application, in March of 2004, the claims referred to were not yet allowed in the parent application.

Claims 1 - 29 and 61 - 65 have been cancelled without prejudice, as set forth above, in view of the issuance of the claims in the '671 application.

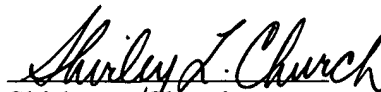
In light of the cancellation of Claims 1 - 29 and 61 - 65, applicants respectfully request withdrawal of the rejection of Claims 1 - 29 and 61 - 65 under 35 USC § 101, over Claims 1 - 29 of U.S. Application Serial No. 09/918,671 (U.S. Patent No. 6,770,567).

Claims 30 and 32 - 60 are allowed.

Applicants contend that all presently pending claims are in condition for allowance, and the Examiner is respectfully requested to enter the present amendment and to pass the application to allowance.

The Examiner is invited to contact applicants' attorney with any questions or suggestions, at the telephone number provided below.

Respectfully Submitted,

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